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Response to Election Requirement
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REMARKS

In the Election Requirement, the Examiner asserted two patentably distinct species of the invention were claimed. Specifically, the Examiner presented the following two species groups.

GROUP I: Figs. 1-3, 5-7, 9-12 (protrusion-depression); and

GROUP II: Fig[s]. 4, 8, 13, and 14 (angular compression).

Furthermore, the Examiner noted that at least claim 1 is generic.

Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's reasons for election, Applicant elects to prosecute 1, 2, 6-17, 19, and 20, which read on the figures of GROUP I, to expedite prosecution of the present application toward allowance. By this response, Applicant has withdrawn claims 3-5 and 18 from prosecution. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to request rejoinder of these withdrawn claims if a generic claims is found allowable.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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